



The regular monthly meeting of the Executive of the NBSRTSJ was held by zoom on March 21, 2024 with the president Bob Bonner in the chair. Members in attendance included Bob Bonner, Barry Harbinson, Ellen Palmer, Judy Braman, Ann Stone, Marg Urquhart, Bob O'Connell, Kathy Dalling and Pat Loughery.

Regrets were received from: Rena McGregor, Frances Butler, Pat Dugay, Rose Theriault and Marijke Blok.

Bob called the meeting to order at 10:03.

The agenda was accepted on a motion by Marg Urquhart and Bob O'Connell.

The minutes were accepted with the following amendments: Social Report should read the March cards event will require registration by March 8th. Under New Business Branch Resolutions must be submitted by March 15th. Under Members attending should read Ann Scott. Judy Braman should also be included under Regrets. Moved by Marg Urquhart and seconded by Ellen Palmer.

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Treasurer Barry Harbinson informed the meeting balance is \$2838.49 with an additional \$150.00 in petty cash on hand. There may be some outstanding cheques in regards to the March card party.

Membership Secretary

Kathy Dalling stated our current membership stands at 595. Members with email addresses stands at 481 and those without stands at 113.

We now have a new NBSRT Provincial Membership Secretary in the person of Barb Hondas.

The mailing list for Newsletters is 100 members and of the 30 teachers who retired in 2023, 16 are now members.

Newsletter

Marijke sent her report stating 101 Newsletters were sent out and three were returned. The Newsletter was 11 pages in length but due to mailing costs future edition will be kept to 8 pages. Hoping to attract more members to the Provincial AGM submissions will be due by April 15th.

Social

The Saint Patrick's Day card games were held last week with about 40 people in attendance. There was a new caterer for the event and Ann said there were no complaints. However, Marg's card group did not think the food was as good. The NBSRTSJ AGM will be held at the Hope Centre on May 23, 2024.

Wellness

Events for February and March included: Bowling and pizza on February 26, March 13 a hike at Rockwood Park with the next being held on April 10th and on March 20 a glass blowing demonstration.

In April and May the following events are planned: Elizabeth Donnelly-Nelson will be conducting the Sgraffito Pottery Project at River valley Community Centre on April 3, 4 and 24. Contact Ellen Palmer to

register at ellen.marie.palmer@gmail.com . Also, the AGM being held in May is offering a great variety of activities with registration.

Constitution Review

Rena's committee has met and submitted their suggestions for changes to the constitution. It was decided after some discussion, this will be examined at a future meeting. Marg suggested members send feedback to Rena by March 27th and a special meeting be held so notification of the changes could be sent to members prior to our AGM.

Barry informed the meeting that a policy review at the NBSRT level is recommending only one form of membership.

Bob stated members of the Planning Committee for the Provincial AGM have met on several occasions with personal from the Delta and the next meeting of the committee will be held there on April 11th.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 18,2024 in person at River Cross.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ellen Palmer.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Loughery